

Town of Hanover
Advisory Committee
550 Hanover Street
Hanover, MA 02339

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 25, 2014

Opening:

John O'Leary called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

Committee Attendees:

John O'Leary, Helen Graves, Donald White, Jim Van Arsdale, Jerry O'Hearn, Wayne Moores, Nicole Duhamel, Angela Blanchard

Absent:

Chris Martin

Meeting Minutes:

Jim VanArsdale made a motion to accept the Meeting minutes from March 12, 2014 as amended Don White seconded and it was so voted.

Don White made a motion to amend the Town Manager's budget changing the High School gas budget (01-192-5212-36) from \$94,100 to \$44,100 and the line item High School Electric (01-192-5211-36) from \$178,000 to 163,000. And said amounts be added to the Hanover School's general operating budget (level service budget) to close the deficit gap. The vote was 7 supporting the motion 1 not in favor of the motion.

Review Warrant Articles:

ARTICLE. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow in accordance with Massachusetts General Law or any other enabling act, a sum of money to fund expenses for Forge Pond Park, or take any action relative thereto.

** Helen Graves made the motion to accept this article Angela Blanchard seconded and it was so voted.*

ARTICLE. To see if the Town will vote to establish under M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 5B a special purpose stabilization fund to be used for costs associated with Other Post Employment Benefits and Pension Liability, or take any other action relative thereto.

** Helen Graves made the motion to accept this article as written Don White seconded and it was voted unanimously.*

Jim VanArsdale made a motion to re-open this article for further review Don White seconded and it was so voted.

Jim had not been present for the March 5 meeting when these articles were reviewed and was looking for clarification what the Benefits and Liability refers to. Janine Smith explained that this article was relative to a 2012 article regarding meals tax. This article establishes a fund to receive the meals tax revenue. Jim asked what the parameters of these funds were and how would the Committee be made aware if they were moved around. Janine explained that these funds require a 2/3 fund to be approved and a 2/3 vote to spend.

Don White made a motion to re-close this article Jim VanArsdale seconded and it was so voted.

ARTICLE. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 22F which states, "a fee or charge imposed pursuant to this section shall supersede fees or charges already in effect, or any limitations on amounts placed thereon for the same service, work, license, permit or certificate; provided, however, that this section shall not supersede the provisions of sections 31 to 77, inclusive, of chapter 6A, chapter 80, chapter 83, chapter 138, sections 121 to 131N, inclusive, of chapter 140 or section 10A of chapter 148. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any certificate, service or work required by chapters fifty to fifty-six, inclusive, or by chapter sixty-six. The fee or charge being collected immediately prior to acceptance of this section for any license, permit, certificate service or work will be utilized until a new fee or charge is fixed under this section", and to restore the Town Motor Vehicle Seller's License Fees as follow, or take any relative thereto.

Motor Vehicles – Sellers’ License

# of Cars on License	Fee
0-21	\$ 250.00
22-99	\$ 500.00
100-199	\$1,000.00
200-299	\$1,500.00
300+	\$2,000.00

** Helen Graves made the motion to accept this article Jerry O'Hearn seconded and it was so voted.*

ARTICLE. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into, up to, a ten (10) year lease for the acquisition of new studio space for the Community Access & Media committee to provide the residents of the Town of Hanover with Community Access Services for Public, Education and Government broadcasting facility with the funds to come from the PEG access revolving account, which is funded from cable revenues, or take any other action relative thereto.

** Helen Graves made the motion to accept this article Nicole Duhamel seconded and it was so voted.*

ARTICLE. To see if the Town will vote to fix the pay of its elective officers as required by law as follows, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Clerk: \$55,454 annually

Moderator: \$100 for Annual Town Meeting

 \$100 for Special Town Meeting

** Helen Graves made the motion to increase town clerk salary by 2% to \$56,563 to keep in line with town employees Don White seconded and it was so voted*

ARTICLE. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for School Special Education Expenses to be expended by the School Committee for this purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Helen Graves made the motion to accept this article Nicole Duhamel seconded and it was so voted.*

ARTICLE. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to the Municipal Buildings Insurance Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Don White made the motion to accept this article Wayne Moores seconded and it was so voted.*

ARTICLE. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money, for public safety employee training, or take any other action relative thereto.

** Nicole Duhamel made the motion to accept this article Don White seconded and it was so voted.*

ARTICLE. To see if the Town will vote to name the Engineering classrooms at Hanover High School, the Kurt Giessler Memorial Engineering Suite, or take any other action thereto.

** Don White made the motion to accept this article Jerry O’Hearn seconded and it was so voted.*

ARTICLE. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager/ Hanover School Building Committee for a feasibility study for the Sylvester Elementary School, 495 Hanover Street, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or take any action relative thereto. The MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

** Helen Graves made the motion to accept this article Don White seconded and it was so voted.*

ARTICLE. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, or borrow in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, the sum of \$90,000 in matching funds to a federal grant, or another sum for the purpose of installation of a fire sprinkler system in the Fire Department Headquarters Building, or take any other action relative thereto.

** Nicole Duhamel made the motion to accept this article Don White seconded and it was so voted. Angela Blanchard recused herself from the vote.*

ARTICLE. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Article 6-18 of the Hanover General Bylaws, as amended at the May 2008 Annual Town Meeting, to approve a decrease in fees for Class I, Class II, and Class III Automobile Dealer’s Licenses to the Board of Selectmen’s Office, effective July 1, 2014, in accordance with the following table, and to allow the Board of Selectmen’s Office to update their Fee Schedule on file with the Town Clerk accordingly, or take any other action relative thereto.

# Cars on License:	
0 – 21	Change from \$250.00 to \$200.00
22 – 99	Change from \$500.00 to \$200.00
100 – 199	Change from \$1,000.00 to \$200.00
200 – 299	Change from \$1,500.00 to \$200.00
300 +	Change from \$2,000.00 to \$200.00

** Helen Graves moves to not accept this article Jerry O’Hearn seconded and it was so voted.*

Adjournment:

Helen Graves made a motion to adjourn at 9:22P.M. Jerry O’Hearn seconded and it was so voted.